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There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Soil moisture was rated 43 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Pasture was rated 80 percent of normal. The main farm activities were corn and rice harvest, preparations for cotton harvest with defoliation, planting ryegrass and planting for winter grazing. Wheat planting is underway. The overall sweetpotato condition is good.

Crop Progress In Percentages					Crop Conditions In Percentages				
Crop	Event	1994	1993	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Mature	95	87	87					
	Harvested	48	33	41			7	50	43
	Silage Harvested	90	75	86					
Cotton	Open Bolls	78	59	61					
	Harvested	1	0	3		1	47	51	1
Rice	Mature	84	48	64					
	Harvested	35	10	20				84	16
Sorghum	Mature	92	75	75					
	Harvested	58	32	42			19	77	4
	Silage Harvested	67	70	79					
Soybeans	Turning Color	50	21	33					
	Shedding Leaves	27	5	12			19	67	14
	Harvested	94	89	87					
Peanuts	Harvested	4	48	51					
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	52	29	40					
Pecans					4	14	59	23	
Livestock							15	76	9

County Agent Comments

"Rice harvesting is going full blast and yields are in the 135-160 bushel range. Cotton harvesting should begin this week. Soybean yields have been 30-45 bushels."

— Don Respass, Quitman County

"Ideal weather conditions have improved yields in cotton, soybeans, and milo. Fall forage planting is beginning this week. Worms are present in small numbers in both soybeans and cotton. Hay harvesting has resumed after the rain on Tuesday. Cattle have benefitted from the greater than normal rainfall this year."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss, Madison County

"Defoliation of the cotton crop has begun and 30 acres were ginned this week. Crop and grain sorghum yields are very good and harvest is progressing nicely. Group IV soybeans will soon be harvested and yields appear to be 40-50 bushels per acre. Any crosses that are not close to maturity are experiencing severe insect pressure."

— Tim W. Pepper, Yazoo County

"Soybean insects continue to increase in soybean fields. Some cotton producers have begun to defoliate this week. Cotton harvesting will begin Monday if weather conditions remain good."

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

"Rain on Tuesday was welcomed with the county receiving from one-half to four inches. Ryegrass planting will be well underway now. Terminal hog markets in the mid to low 30's have all livestock producers with the gitters."

— Perry Lee, Simpson County

"Some beef producers are planting winter grazing for their herds. Although we have enough moisture to get the grass up, there is no guarantee that we won't have hot, dry weather in late October that might reduce or destroy the stand."

— Roger D. Jones, Perry County

Weather Summary from 09/04/94 to 09/10/94 For Mississippi

Summary from 05/01/54 to 05/15/54 for Wk. 1954

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta Tunica Clarksdale Cleveland Extreme/Average	Due to technical difficulties at the U.S. Department of Commerce, this table is unavailable this week.												
2. North-Central Memphis AP Holly Springs ES Oxford ES Extreme/Average													
3. Northeast Corinth Iuka Booneville Pontotoc ES Tupelo AP Verona ES Extreme/Average													
4. Lower Delta Stoneville ES Greenwood AP Belzoni Rolling Fork Yazoo City Extreme/Average													
5. Central Winona Carthage Jackson AP Extreme/Average													
6. East-Central State University Columbus AFB Brooksville ES Extreme/Average													
7. Southwest Vicksburg Oakley ES Crystal Springs Alcorn ES Natchez Extreme/Average													
8. South-Central McComb AP Columbia Extreme/Average													
9. Southeast Newton ES Meridian AP Laurel Hattiesburg Beaumont ES Extreme/Average													
10. Coastal Poplarville ES Bay St. Louis Gulfport Biloxi Pascagoula Extreme/Average													
State Averages													
State Extremes					Location					Date			
Greatest one day precipitation													
Greatest weekly precipitation													
Maximum air temperature													
Minimum air temperature													
Maximum soil temperature													
Minimum soil temperature													
Greatest one day pan evaporation													
Greatest weekly pan evaporation													

Abbreviations:

Max = Maximum
 Min = Minimum
 Ave = Average
 Norm = Normal
 DFN = Departure From Normal
 Evap = Evaporation
 M = Missing

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